



Our Town GREENWOOD

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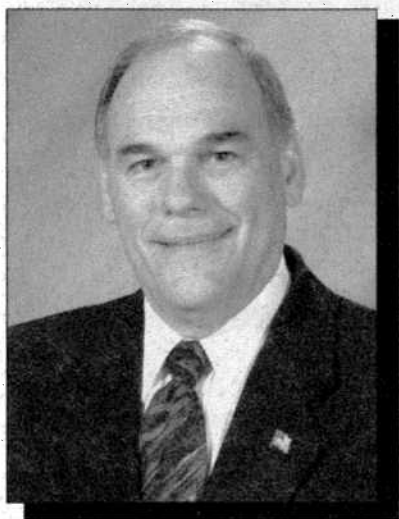
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A note from . . .

MAYOR CHARLES E. HENDERSON



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS JANUARY 25, 2005

Mayor Charles E. Henderson delivered his State of the City Address at the Valle Vista Conference Center, hosted by the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

Ray Buening, President of the Chamber introduced the Mayor and accepted thanks extended to the Chamber and Director Gail Richards for providing the opportunity for the Mayor to speak at a public assembly.

The Mayor recognized Greenwood City Council members Ron Deer, John Gibson and Council President Bruce Armstrong. Warren Beville, Board of Public Works and Safety member, Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers, and city department heads and employees in attendance.

A special guest, SFC Stephen Springer was then introduced by the Mayor. Stephen is the son of Nickee and Evan Springer, Director of Parks and Recreation. Stephen and wife Janet are the parents of five children.

Stephen was deployed early this summer with the 1-151st Infantry Battalion, Indiana National Guard to Kabul, Afghanistan as part of Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix III, Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was to return to Afghanistan the following day and rejoin the Special Operations Group that he has been working with on his second tour of duty. He joined the Mayor and guests to present a special plaque to the city.

Stephen began by asking the Police and Fire Chief to join him at the podium. He explained the purpose of his mission in Afghanistan as having much to do with what went on with 9/11. Present operations involve looking for Bin Laden, the Taliban and Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and along the Pakistan border. They are involved in training and mentoring the Afghan National Army and are attempting to convert farmers from drug trade to growing corn, soybeans and such. At the same time, they continue conducting raids and combat missions deep in Afghanistan and on the Pakistan border.

An American flag, which was flown over their compound was presented to the City of Greenwood and dedicated to those who died on 9/11. A certificate was also presented denoting words of patriotism, "For well over two centuries an American Flag representing the

spirit, values and beliefs and the freedom of all Americans has flown over the battlefields around the world. On September 11, 2004 this American Flag was flown over Firebase Ghecko, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. What is now Firebase Ghecko was the headquarters of former supreme Taliban Commander Mullah Mohammed Omar. The very presence of the American Flag over the compound demonstrates America's resolve and success in fighting terrorism. With great pride and honor, this flag is presented to the City of Greenwood from the men and women of AOB 370, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Firebase Ghecko in remembrance of the souls of 9/11." (The flag and certificate are presently on display in the lobby of the City Building)

Mayor Henderson praised Stephen for his dedication and thanked him for recognizing our public safety people who protect us on the home front. The presentation was concluded with several minutes of applause for Stephen.

Mayor Henderson began his speech citing past strategies to accomplish needed repairs and upgrading of city operations. Central to the Mayor's philosophy is a constant look at what has been done in the past and how it could be improved.

He revisited plans set forth in 2003 that established a five year plan for fixing roads and streets. Valle Vista and Northern Park were targeted as having the worst sections of streets in the city. In 2004, one half of the streets in Valle Vista were completed. In the Spring of 2005, work will begin in Northern Park, back to Valle Vista and a final return to Northern Park. Street repair and resurfacing was done in Country Aire and other subdivisions in addition to maintenance work throughout the city that needed immediate attention.

Snow plowing has been improved. The Street Department had been using rubber blades on the plows so they wouldn't catch on manholes or broken up concrete and didn't tear up the equipment. The problem was that they were not scraping the streets clean. By lowering manhole cover lids and repairing loose concrete, steel blades that did a better job could be installed on the equipment. Other departments had snow plowing equipment that was added to the fleet of plowing equipment, thus saving the city the cost of buying more plows.

Some residents voiced concern that some areas were always the last to be plowed. The Director of Operations came up with a solution. One snow, they would start in the middle of the city and plow out and the next snow, they would start at the outer edge of town and plow in.

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Leaf and limb pickup was looked at as about half of the Street Department staff was picking up limbs all summer and not available for street work. The job required the use of several chippers that were used on site. Again, the Mayor asked the Director of Operations to look into a better way of getting the job done and freeing up some of the street workers. The answer came in a visit to Seymour where they used a grappling truck with a large arm that would reach out and pick up the limbs and put them in the truck to be taken to another site where there was a tub grinder that grinds the limbs into mulch. The job can now be done with 2 to 3 men. Another plus is the elimination of 95% of worker's compensation claims resulting from injuries caused by following the chippers.

The Parks Board is appointed by the Mayor. Two major projects are in the works. One, is the trails in the city and the other is the pool.

The Mayor praised the Parks Board for putting together two of the best volunteer committees that have served the city. They have put in 1540 hours of free time on these projects collectively. Although there has been considerable debate going back and forth, the Mayor is confident that they will come up with solutions that will best serve the community.

At one time, drainage problems seemed a cumbersome expense on the city taxpayers. Those Street Department workers that are no longer needed for limb pick up are free to fix drainage problems. Some of the work has been hired out, but more in-house work has been accomplished in the last few years. The Mayor stated that he is amazed at how ingenious some of the city workers are. They are coming up with solutions that prevent having to hire out the work. He also thanked the City Council for funding these projects.

Mayor Henderson recognized Fire Chief Steve Dhondt and the Greenwood Fire Department. Chief Dhondt put together a six year plan to "grow" the Fire Department. White River Township Fire Department serves a population of about 35,000 people; Franklin City about 27,000; Bargersville about 18,000 and Greenwood about 40,000. Greenwood's fire rate is \$.125, Bargersville is \$.19 and White River Township is almost \$.26. We are serving more people, making more runs with less tax rate and a smaller budget. The reason is that we are doing things outside the norm and making it work. We have people working for the taxpayers who are doing that.

Greenwood has the lowest tax rate in a 20 county area of communities having an assessed valuation of over \$700,000,000. A study showed that Greenwood had the lowest tax rate and lowest per capita rate. Our per capita – paid by each person - \$209.00. The average of those 20 is \$363.00.

In 2000, 2001 and 2002, our tax rate was \$.57. In 2003, the tax rate was \$.405, and in 2004 it went back down to \$.39. In 2005, it will rise to \$.55. The tax rate was lowered in 2003 and 2004 due to growth in the city. Increasing the A/V lowered our tax rate.

Now the State changed the rules on how the formulas work. The State revenues changed and we suffered because only about 60% of our budget or less comes from property tax. The rest of it comes from pro rata shares – sales tax, gasoline tax, tobacco tax, and county option income tax. Those were down, so our revenue streams were down.

In 2004, the City Council passed a resolution to ask the State to raise our levy. The State agreed that we were dreadfully under what we were allowed to have due to what we have in population, acreage and other considerations. They allowed us to raise our levy 2.1 million dollars. Even if we hadn't raised the levy, our tax rate would go up 4

cents – even with the 2003-2004 growth – because of the State's new formula.

One example that most people have heard about is doing away with inventory tax. They didn't do away with it, they shifted it to property tax. Johnson County is doing it over a six year period. Every year that amount shifts over to property tax. Those are the kind of things that have happened to cause our tax rate to go up.

Economically, with this new levy increase that Council approved, we are going to be in pretty good shape. We are not going to have to lay off people or cut services. Hopefully, we are going to make them better. With the levy increase, we are going to receive some more shares from some of these other funds, because everything is based on what your indebtedness is and what your levy is.

"I'm proud to have been here today. I'm proud to be your mayor. I'm proud to serve with our council members, our boards and I'm proud to be associated with all of our city employees. Thank you so much and God bless all of you."

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Charles E. Henderson

Trails Network Update

Since the last newsletter, a lot has been happening. First and foremost, we were able to complete much of the city's first greenway, the Polk Hill Trail. If you have had the chance to look through "*Memories of the Wonderful World of Greenwood 1900 – 2003*" (available at the City Building) you know that the Polk family had a lot to do with our city's history. In fact, the City Building used to be the Polk Community Center. Today, Polk Street is about all that remains linking us to the past and a major benefactor who owned the Polk Dairy, employing hundreds of people. Polk Hill, near Craig Park, is skirted by the new trail that bears its name.

The Polk Hill Trail begins at Craig Park with a trailhead at the park's Smith Valley parking lot. It then heads eastward a full mile, with a winding path of 10ft. wide asphalt. Its first few days in use immediately saw dozens of people using it. On a recent day, nearly every kind of user could be seen – runners, cyclists, parents with baby strollers, dog walkers and hikers. One citizen wrote to us the first month to tell us that the presence of the trail already enabled him to meet a dozen neighbors he had previously not known. Trails truly do help build a sense of community.

Safety signage is installed on the trail and soon trail name identification signage and mile markers will appear, as well as, a guardrail to separate the vehicular lanes from the trail as it goes over the railroad bridge near Craig Park. During 2005, Polk Hill Trail will be extended further eastward (and turn northward) until it connects up to the Emerson Pathway.

Submitted by: Trails Advisory Board

TRAILS WILL GET BUILT WITH YOUR HELP!!!

Even if we are able to secure state or federal grants for construction, we must still raise 20% of the needed funds. Please consider making a personal, or corporate donation. Tax deductible donations in support of the city's Trails Master Plan may be made payable to:

Johnson County Community Foundation

PO Box 217

Franklin, IN 46131

(check memo: Greenwood Trails Project Fund)

Republic Service of Indiana

City Of Greenwood Trash Collection Guidelines

Republic Services of Indiana, the contractor for trash collection for the City of Greenwood, has some specific guidelines for their trash collection program. Here are those guidelines.

Frequency Of Collection

- Trash will be picked up one time per week, and must be at curbside by 7:00 am the morning of collection.

Limit A Resident Can Set Out

- A resident may set out five 30 gallon bags or five 30 gallon containers, or any combination of the two, of household trash and garbage.
- Tree limbs may be set out provided they are tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and three feet in girth. Each bundle is equivalent to one bag.
- Additional bags or bundles of limbs require stickers at a cost of .75 cents, per bag or bundle, which may be purchased from the Greenwood Sanitation Billing office located at 2 N. Madison Ave... The stickers are then to be placed on each additional bag or bundle.
- Unlimited trash pick up will be done during the weeks following Christmas and New Year's.

Cost

- Regular trash pick up is \$8.50 per month, which will be billed on your Greenwood Sanitation bill.

Heavy Trash

- Heavy trash will be picked up one time per month, during the last full week of the month. It will be picked up on your regular trash day along with your regular five bags of trash. Heavy trash shall include furniture, carpeting and other flooring scraps (that do not contain asbestos), metal appliances (except those containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners), Heavy trash does not include construction or demolition debris or tree limbs.

Freon Containing Appliances

- All Freon containing appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, must be marked with a "FREON" sticker which may be purchased for \$30.00 from the Greenwood Sanitation Billing office. Freon containing appliances will not be picked without a sticker.

Recycling Makes Sense For You And The Environment

Greenwood Customers of Republic Services of Indiana have the opportunity to separate recyclables from their trash and have a positive impact on the environment. Here's how. Instead of putting glass, newspapers, beverage cans, plastic, and steel food cans in the garbage, simply follow the preparation procedures provided below and place those items in your recycling bin at the street. The bins will be picked up by a separate recycling truck each week on the same day as your regular trash pick up. If you don't already have a bin, call Republic at 1-800-234-6881 and one will be delivered to your home. There is no limit to recyclables and no additional cost to you. There is, however, an \$8.00 cost for the replacement of a lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed bins.

What should be placed in your recycling bin?

- Aluminum / bi-metal beverage cans. (please crush)
- Steel food cans. Rinse and remove all labels. If possible, remove the bottom and flatten the can by stepping on it. For safety reasons, do not put lids in your recycling bin.
- Glass containers. Clear, brown and green glass is acceptable. Remove all lids and rings, and rinse. Labels need not be removed.

- Plastics #1 and #2. Remove caps and rings. Rinse and flatten. Labels need not be removed. This includes soda pop bottles, milk jugs, laundry products and water bottles.
- Newspaper: This includes newsprint, glossy coupons and brown paper bags, but does not include anything that has staples or a binding. Please bag or bundle papers for easier handling.

What should not be placed in your recycling bin?

- Motor oil
- Motor oil containers
- Rubbish
- Plastic bags
- Window panes, light bulbs, ceramic or drinking glasses
- Grass, leaves or other yard waste
- Phone books, magazines, envelopes or other paper besides newsprint and coupons
- Plastic containers #3 through #7
- Cardboard: You may use the designated "cardboard only" container located in the City lot (east of Madison Ave.) West of the Greenwood Public Library building.



Limb Pick-Up Program

The City has implemented an additional opportunity in the Limb Pickup program which is a drop off point for tree limbs. The City will continue to pick up tree limbs from the curb line of Greenwood City residents. The drop off site is located on Fry Road next to Fire Station #2. This site is available to Greenwood City residents only! Residents are required to show proof of residency, such as personal identification and a utility bill, or other reasonable means of proof. Free mulch will be available once a year from March 21st, 2005 to April 2, 2005 (until gone) to City of Greenwood residents only. This site is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will continue until October 29th. Limb pickup from the curb line will officially restart in March 2005.

2005 Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

Here is a list of 2005 holidays and their related trash collection schedules. If you have any questions regarding your pick up day you can call Republic Service of Indiana at 1-800-234-6881

Memorial Day Monday May 30th

Since Memorial Day falls on a Monday, the entire week will be picked up one day later.

Independence Day Monday July 4th

Once again the entire week will be picked up one day later.

Labor Day Monday September 5th

The entire week will be picked up one day later.

Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday November 24th & 25th

With Thanksgiving Day falling on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday trash will be picked up one day later.

Christmas Holiday:

Since Christmas day falls on a Sunday there will be NO CHANGE in the trash collection schedule.

New Years Holiday

There will be NO CHANGE in trash collection over this holiday.

Parks & Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt

Kids ages 2-10 can bring their Easter basket to collect fun-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny at Craig Park on Saturday, March 26 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

City Pool Opens May 28!

Greenwood City Pool opens for the 2005 summer season on Saturday, May 28 @ 12:00 noon. Pool passes go on sale beginning Monday, May 2 at the Community Center. City Pool hours are Monday-Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, 12:00-9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Swimming Lessons Registration

Registration for summer swimming lessons begins May 16 at the City Pool. Four sessions will be offered this season:

Session 1	June 6-9 & 13-16
Session 2	June 20-23 & 27-30
Session 3	July 11-14 & 18-21
Session 4	July 25-28 & August 1-4



Class times are 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am or 5:15pm. Registration fee is \$24/city-residents or \$40/non city-residents.

Greenwood Freedom Festival – June 25th

The Greenwood Freedom Festival will be held @ Craig Park on Saturday, June 25th. Many activities and events are planned for this year's event including the Downtown Merchant's Association Street Fair, Parade, Food Booths, Kids Activities, Live Band, Community Band Concert (held on Friday, June 24th) and a spectacular fireworks show! For more information call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545.

Greenwood Freedom Festival Food Vendor Information

Any groups interested in a food vendor space should contact Chip Omer, Director of Recreation @ the Parks & Recreation Department, 881-4545.

City Parks Open May 1st

All city parks will observe summer hours from May 1 – October 31. These hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. We encourage you to enjoy your beautiful park facilities located throughout the city. For additional park information, contact Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545.

Shelter/Gazebo Rental Information

City residents may reserve shelters & gazebos for special occasions by coming to the Parks & Recreation Department Office @ 100 Surina Way. Shelters are \$40/day and Gazebos are \$30/day.

Breakfast Club Information

Join us each month at the Greenwood Community Center for Breakfast Club! Breakfast is provided by Bob Evans Restaurant and prepared by the Parks & Recreation Staff. Reserve your spot by calling the Community Center, 881-4545. Cost is \$2 per person. Breakfast Club will be held: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1 & August 5.

Community Center Membership Information

Have you purchased your membership to the Community Center yet? Now is the time to Join the FUN!

Family Pass	City-Resident	\$125/year
Children (under 8)	City-Resident	FREE
Youth (8-17)	City-Resident	\$25/year
Adult (18-54)	City-Resident	\$50/year
Senior (55+)	City-Resident	\$25/year
Daily Admission	City-Resident	\$2/day

*Call the Community Center for non city-resident rates.

Community Center Operating Hours

Monday-Thursday	6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Employment Opportunities

Greenwood Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for several seasonal positions. We offer competitive pay, team-oriented atmosphere & an opportunity to work outdoors this summer! We need: Pool Assistant Managers, Lifeguards, Concessions Stand Attendants, Concessions Supervisor, Pool Cashiers, Summer Camp Coordinators, Summer Camp Counselors, Adult Softball Supervisors, Youth Soccer Supervisors, Tennis Instructors, Summer Park Maintenance and Aerobics Instructors. Applications are available at Greenwood Human Resources, 2 N. Madison Avenue.

Spring Break Activities

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to the Community Center for an action packed week of FUN during Spring Break, March 28-April 1. Kids must be members of the Community Center or pay the daily fee. Activities & events will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day! Lunch from local restaurants will be available for \$2 each day.

Kick off the Summer Picnic

Start your summer off right – with a Picnic in the Park. Kids of all ages are invited to Craig Park on Friday, June 3 starting @ 12:00 noon for loads of fun and a kick off the summer picnic! All activities are FREE! Reserve your spot by calling Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545 by Friday, June 1.

Hershey Track & Field Meet

Hershey Track & Field is sponsored by the Hershey Candy Company, Indiana Park & Recreation Association & Greenwood Parks & Recreation. Our local meet will be held at the Greenwood High School Track on Wednesday, June 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Top two winners in each event advance to the State Meet held in July. Call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545 for details.

City Tennis Tournaments

Register for city tennis tournaments at the Community Center. Tennis lessons & leagues are also available during the summer. Call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545 for sessions and times.

Indiana Eye Clinic "Eye Opener" Tournament, May 13-15

Fifth-Third Bank USTA Open, June 3-5

Kent Kinnear Classic USTA Open, June 17-19

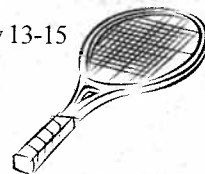
Raymond James USTA Open, July 8-10

South Central Indiana USTA Open, July 26-28

Tennis Lessons

Register for youth group tennis lessons at the Community Center. Class times are 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am or 6:00pm. Registration fee is \$20/city-resident per session.

Session 1	May 31-June 9
Session 2	June 13-June 23
Session 3	June 27-July 8
Session 4	July 11-July 21



Adult Tennis Lessons & Leagues are also available through Parks & Recreation. Call us at 881-4545 for information on adult tennis.

Aerobics Classes – Stay FIT this spring!

Parks & Recreation offers group aerobics class at the Community Center. We offer: Step Aerobics, Cardio-Conditioning, Pilates, Yoga and Spinning classes. Register for the session or pay the daily class fee. Class Parks & Recreation at 881-4545 for class times & fees!

Session 2	March 14 - May 20
Session 3	May 23 - July 29



Puppet Potpourri by Adzooks Puppets

Join us at the Greenwood Community Center on **March 23 at 10:00 a.m.** for this live, interactive puppet show sure to entertain your preschooler. After each show, children will make their own puppet to take home! Registration fee is \$2/per child. Groups of 5 or more children cost is \$1/per child. Call Parks & Recreation at 881-4545 for additional show information.

2005 FUN Guides

2005 FUN Guides are available at the Greenwood Community Center. Pick up your copy of the Fun Guide and see what we have in store.

Greenwood Airport

Airports mean jobs to communities, not only at the airport, but the area which it serves. In addition to the jobs impact, the aviation industry impacts our community through university programs, access to travel, weather services, customs services, foreign trade zones and airport development zones. There are direct benefits of airport spending which have a benefit on the total economic impact of the community, i.e, indirect benefits of passenger spending and induced benefits of money circulated from direct expenditures. At Greenwood Municipal Airport these benefits had a total impact of \$8.5 million in our community last year.

The airport is a fully self-sustaining operation deriving its income from hangar rentals, land rentals and investments. No tax dollars are involved in the maintenance or payroll of this facility.

Solid Waste

Spring Cleanup Day

The 9th annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held at the Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds in Franklin on Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For a low fee (depending on the item and the quantity) residents can drop off tires, appliances, household hazardous waste, computers, and reusable items for Goodwill. Please contact the District office for information on fees or visit www.RecycleJohnsonCounty.org. Information is also available about year-round alternative recycling and disposal options so residents can avoid waiting in line at Spring Cleanup Day.

Greenwood Battery Recycling Locations

Recycle nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), lithium or lithium ion (Li or Li-ion), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), lead (Pb) under 2 pounds, silver oxide and button batteries at the following Greenwood locations: Greenwood City Building, Greenwood Community Center, Batteries Plus, Dannemiller True Value, White River Library, Target (in electronics depart.), and all Center Grove schools.

Household Hazardous Waste

To dispose of hazardous products (such as paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals), call the Johnson County SWMD at 738-2546. Please have specific information on what you have to dispose of, such as product names, quantity, and number of containers. We will send you a free disposal voucher, map, and hours of operations of the Tox-Drop facility located north of Greenwood.

Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce

"Pride and Progress" has long been the motto for a growing Greenwood community. This motto has served us well throughout the years, including the presentation of the 2004 Pride & Progress Award from the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

Country Charm Retirement Community, the 2004 award winner, typifies the Greenwood community in both purpose and appeal. By providing an active and socially viable outlet for the retiring individuals in our community, Country Charm provides an ongoing positive image supporting its residents as well as many community groups and endeavors. Craig Norman, owner of Country Charm, is actively involved in several community projects and provides thousands of scholarship dollars to his younger workers called the Country Charm Scholars encouraging them to attend higher education after graduating from High School.

The Chamber will be presenting the 2005 Pride & Progress Award at the annual Ball at the Greenwood Municipal Airport on April 23. Call the Chamber at 888-4856 for more information on attending the Ball and honoring "Pride and Progress" in Greenwood!

Flags for Greenwood

We are all looking forward to SPRING and the return of the American flags flying above our city streets. It's hard to believe (thanks to you) that we have just finished our ninth year! The Betsy Girls are hard at work both repairing flags and reinforcing hems of the flags that were given to us by Sam's Club. The Betsy Girls are a true blessing to us.

In 1996 Greenwood citizens, friends and businesses joined together and raised funds to purchase American flags to be secured to utility poles on our city streets. Initially Flags for Greenwood (FFG) started with 250 flags. The people of Greenwood have so enthusiastically supported this project that we now are fortunate to have over 900 flags proudly displaying their patriotic red, white and blue.

FFG was excited to introduce a new program last Spring that has been enthusiastically received. In addition to our regular donations and the memoriams, we accept donations "In Honor of Those Who Serve"! This may be someone in the military, a fireman or policeman. For a minimum donation of \$50.00, the name of the person being honored will be placed on a plaque in the lobby of the Greenwood City Building. When making donations "in honor of someone who has or is presently serving", please be sure to give us the mailing address, and the area of service of the individual you are honoring. We will send that person a letter advising them that a donation has been made in their honor!

We continue to have wonderful support and many that make donations in memory of someone that has been very special in their lives or the lives of their family. It seems that more emphasis is being given to veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice trying to protect the freedom we enjoy here in the United States.

Our Flags for Greenwood project is a patriotic expression. It is our veterans who we can/need to continue to thank for our freedom. Do you have a family member, a neighbor or a friend that is a veteran? Have you taken the time to thank them for what they have done for each of us as well as our country? My father served during World War II and received a purple heart. I was proud of him but never truly appreciated or thought about what he had gone through until after I had seen pictures of the war from abroad.

Do you have a neighbor, or friend that currently has a spouse that is actively serving and protecting our country? That individual whose spouse has been gone for months is trying to keep the home front going and truly has become a juggler! He/she may also be acting as a single parent while trying to control the emotional impact of the times. Take time to thank that individual as well for the sacrifice they, too are making while their spouse is off protecting us. If you know the children, maybe you could volunteer to take them for a couple of hours and give the parent a chance to have a little time for themselves. Or if you don't know the children, very well, maybe you could arrange to fix a meal, or pick up a pizza and drop it by with your heartfelt thanks. Maybe you could even read to the children, giving that single parent a chance to do something that they just have not been able to get accomplished.

As it's almost time to start digging out getting ready for all the work that Spring brings. Maybe you could do something to lend them a hand in getting their lawn mower blades sharpened. There are tons of things we can do to help lighten their load. Just think, if each of us offered to do something for just 1 or 2 families - what an impact we could have as a community. I can't even begin to imagine what the emotional impact has been for those that are serving, or their families.

Maybe you know someone whose son/daughter has been called to active duty. They too are worried beyond belief. That person might enjoy going out for dinner, or just coffee. They also need to know we appreciate the effort their son/daughter is making. Almost every family has been impacted by the present terrorist issues - some more than others. We are so fortunate that we live in a country where we have freedom of speech, the right to vote and the option of following whatever our religious belief may be.

Through FFG, our city has demonstrated their patriotic values to the envy of other communities. This is an expression of appreciation for those
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Internet Safety Program

In response to a request from Mayor Charles Henderson, Detective Eric Klinkowski of the Greenwood Police Department designed a program geared for use by parents and guardians of children who use the internet. He also conducts training for the program.

Detective Klinkowski has been with the Greenwood Police Department since 1997 and assigned to the Investigations branch in 2001. He has completed numerous trainings in the field of computer crime, including online investigations and computer forensics. To his credit, he has also been instrumental in the investigation and arrest of suspects for crimes relating to, but not limited to, Identity Theft, Child Exploitation, Child Pornography, Theft, Computer Trespass and Fraud.

The Internet Safety Program addresses:

Online safety issues

Current trends and statistics

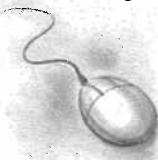
Chat rooms and Instant Messaging

Dangers the Internet can present to our youth

How to use parental controls, filtering software and internet

history to supervise children

Where to find help and some recommended websites for children to use.



The Internet Safety Program was presented for the first time to parents on February 16th at the Greenwood Middle School. Mayors from the southern part of the state had the opportunity to hear the presentation at Mayor Henderson's roundtable meeting on February 17th. Since that time, several requests have been made for presentations by various groups. Mayor Henderson and the Greenwood Police Department are hopeful that the program will serve as a useful resource for parents in protecting the younger citizens of our community.

Old Towne Greenwood Association

Founded in 1995, Old Towne Greenwood Association is a group of residents and merchants dedicated to enhancing the beauty and preserving the ambiance of historic Old Towne Greenwood. Membership is open at \$10 annually for residents and \$30 annually for businesses. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various locations. Events sponsored by OTGA this year are: June 25th Street Fair; Apr.-Oct. Farmer's Market; Community Garage Sale (near Labor Day). The annual Greenwood-A-Glow Christmas celebration is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving and features photos with Santa, and horse drawn carriage rides. Members and/or Volunteers are **always** welcome. Contact Melissa Deckard, President, OTGA, 300 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood, IN 46142, 882-3400, ext. 231 for more information.

Do you remember when...

IN GREENWOOD

At the young age of 80 years, life-time resident Alma Jean (Jordan) Winger talks about the 1930's and 40's.

Greenwood wasn't large enough for a Mayor, but appointed a Town Board. My father, Allie B. Jordan served on the Greenwood Town Board and as President longer than anyone else.

Walking to school everyday in good and bad weather from the East- end of Greenwood was a necessity. It certainly wasn't for the exercise and we didn't have school buses. Also, we didn't get snow days off.

We didn't have today's refrigerators and freezers, but ice boxes. As a child, I remember waiting for the iceman in his open truck loaded with blocks of ice. It was a real treat on a hot summer day when he chipped a piece of ice off of the block for the children. That was our "popsicles".

You could charge to a "running grocery bill" at Bledstein's Grocery and pay your bill on payday.

The only clothing store in town was Harry Kline's. Later, we had Kelly Johnson's Deluxe Shop.

Dozens of horse drawn farmer's wagons loaded with tomatoes and pea vines lined up on Polk Avenue to Main Street waiting to get into the Stokely Canning Factory to unload their crops.

Stokely Canning Factory workers waited for the whistle to blow to come to work. Two longs and a short might be for tomato workers to come in and two shorts and a long for the corn workers.

I remember the White Cloud Airport at the Southwest corner of Smith Valley Road and Averitt Road. There were a few hangars for sheltering and working on the planes. The landing strip was just a grass covered field.

I remember when brown & white saddle oxford and penny loafer shoes were in style.

The anticipation of listening for Little Orphan Annie to come on the radio and the new numbers to de-code on your Orphan Annie ring.

Stopping by Admire ice cream shop for a 10 cent ice cream cone or a penny stick of licorice candy.

In the 1940's, there was no Park Mall for teenagers to hangout. We went to Youmans, Propps or Stevenson Drug Store for cokes with chocolate syrup added. We gathered for conversation and friendship.

The only cab company was owned by Virgil Jackson. To take a cab from the bus station on Madison Avenue to the East-end of town cost twenty-five cents. In fact, to ride anywhere in the town limits was the same price.

You can relive memories of over one hundred years of Greenwood's history with the purchase of *The Wonderful World of Greenwood 1900- 2003*, as I did. The book is on sale at the Greenwood City Building.

To Alma Jean (Jordan) Winger - Thanks for the Memories!

Contact John Myers at 881-8527 about your memories of Greenwood.

Your City Services

Emergencies 911

Police • Fire • Ambulance

Mayor's Office 881-8527

City Building - 2 N. Madison Ave.

• General information, community inquiries and complaints, neighborhood meetings, city maps, city events, Greenwood City Code Enforcement.

Police Department 882-9191

Surina Square - 186 Surina Way

• Community inquiries and complaints, neighborhood watch programs, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) information, public safety presentations.

Fire Department 882-2599

155 E. Main St.

• Fire safety and prevention, fire inspections.

Clerk/Treasurer's Office 888-2100

• Various permits, voter registration, ordinance violation fines, public records.

Sanitation and Street Dept. 887-5607

Surina Square - 367 S. Washington

chipping service,
street maintenance,
Christmas tree disposal.

City Attorney 888-0494

Mission Hills - 225 S. Emerson Ave.

• Legal matters involving the city and its elected and appointed officials.

Human Resources 887-5604

2 North Madison Ave.

• Employment

City Engineer 887-5230

Mission Hills - 225 S. Emerson Ave.

• Drainage concerns, sewer connections, curb/sidewalk replacement program, curb cut permits, traffic studies.

City Court 865-8244

Surina Square - 186 Surina Way

• Court held Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

The Court hears traffic tickets and misdemeanors.

Information Technology 887-5622

• City computer network, Data & Telecommunications needs for all City offices, City website.

Planning Department 881-8698

Mission Hills - 225 S. Emerson Ave.

• Building and sign permits, zoning information, subdivision plats,

floodplain information, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, building inspections, economic development.

Sanitation & Trash

Billing Office 887-5232

City Building - 2 N. Madison Ave.

• Start up and billing for sanitation and trash services, purchase extra trash stickers. Trash and recycling inquiries.

Vehicle Maintenance 887-5609

Surina Square - 367 S. Washington

• City vehicle maintenance.

Republic Services

of Indiana 1-800-234-6881

• City contracted trash pickup and recycling.

Community Center,

Parks and Recreation 881-4545

Surina Square - 100 Surina Way

• Recreational activities, shelter house rentals, parks information (Craig Park, Westside Park, Old City Park, Northeast Park, Pool Park, Summerfield Park, Trails Park, Woodmen Park, Northwest Park, Children's Garden Park).

Greater Greenwood Community Band

GREATER GREENWOOD COMMUNITY BAND

CONCERT SCHEDULE — 2005 SEASON

Spring Concert	Sun. Apr. 17	4pm	Greenwood HS Auditorium
Plainfield	Sat. May 21	TBA	Hummel Park, Plainfield
Park Concert	Sun. June 5	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
The 4 th Concert	Fri. June 24	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun. July 10	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun. July 24	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun. Aug. 7	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun. Aug. 21	7pm	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Martinsville	Sat. Aug. 27	TBA	TBA — Martinsville
Fall Concert	Sun. Oct. 23	4pm	Greenwood HS Auditorium
Christmas Concert	Sun., Dec. 11	4pm	Greenwood HS Auditorium
Head Band Director:		Ray Hauser	
Associate Band Director:		Richard Moon	
Band President		Jennifer Randol	

V.F.W. Citizen of the Year

Greenwood resident, Don Cummings was named *VFW Citizen of the Year* by Mayor Charles E. Henderson at a ceremony held at the Greenwood VFW on February 22nd.

Don won the Mayor's nod primarily for his involvement with the Greenwood Greenways Taskforce. The taskforce, partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department developed the City's Trails and Greenways Master Plan. Don designed a concept for an ongoing citizen-driven Trails Advisory Board to help bring that Master Plan to reality. Don has been Chairman of that Board since its inception in 2003.

In that the City of Greenwood takes pride in the volunteer efforts of its citizens, Mayor Henderson selected Don Cummings for his outstanding effort and commitment to his fellow citizens and community.

Our Town Greenwood

Charles E. Henderson, Mayor
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City of Greenwood Officials

City Council Members:

John Gibson, 1st District
Ron Deer, 2nd District
Bruce Armstrong, 3rd District, President
Ron Bates, 4th District
Keith Hardin, 5th District
William Bless, At Large
Jessie Reed, At Large

Clerk Treasurer:

Jeannine Myers

City Judge:

Lewis Gregory

Board of Public Works & Safety:

Charles E. Henderson
Warren E. Beville
Kevin Hoover

Flags for Greenwood

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who have fought for our freedom and love of our country. Our flags start flying the week prior to Memorial Day, and remain up until after July 4th. They are again installed the week prior to Labor Day and retired the following week.

All of the flags need to be replaced by the end of this year, due to deterioration from the weather. So far, we have raised about 85% of the needed \$12,000 for this. FFG continues to accept donations of cash, stocks and securities and has a 501 (c)(3) not for profit status, allowing contributions to be tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to "Flags for Greenwood" and mailed to: Flags for Greenwood, National City Bank, 300 S. Madison Avenue, Greenwood, IN 46142. We realize some may not be able to give as much as others, and that's okay...gifts of any amount will be greatly appreciated. With the support and efforts of the community, we can continue to dress Greenwood streets in the red, white and blue.

We continuously need funds to keep the flags flying, as well as trying to establish an endowment fund to protect our "Avenue of Flags". We appreciate those that have chosen to remember Flags for Greenwood in their wills as well...we will always need replacement flags! We will gladly accept stock donations. Those of you not happy with the performance of your investments can also help our cause by contributing stocks to benefit Flags for Greenwood. For help with this endeavor, please contact Sandy Daniels at the Johnson County Community Foundation 738-2213.

We continue to partner a project with Wilson St. Pierre funeral homes. Any worn or tattered flag that needs to be properly retired may be dropped off at any of the Greenwood fire stations, Wilson St. Pierre funeral home or Greenwood American Legion.

In closing we would like to thank Barry Inabnitt for overseeing the tasks of getting the flags installed and retired. Special thanks to members of the

Parks Department and an extra special thanks to members of the Street Department for not only helping Barry, but for an excellent job of clearing snow from our city streets...often times when we are all snuggled in our warm cozy beds!

With all the controversy surrounding Iraq, our flags continue to bring us blessings that we enjoy...the freedom that comes with living in the United States of America. We need to continue to keep our service men, women and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers.

If you have questions regarding Flags for Greenwood please contact John or Linda Gibson 888-1603 or Dee Lane 888-1401.

Greenwood Senior Citizen's Center

550C Polk Avenue, 882-4810

APRIL: SILVER ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION. Watch for date of special Celebration of the Senior Center and announcement of new "Wellness Park".

Computer lab: The Center now has its own computer lab. Enrollment for classes is now being taken. Greenwood High School students from the Service Learning Class will be the one-on-one teachers. Patience and learning at your own pace will be the tempo. Call 882-4810 for details.

Activities: A new Day-Trip Schedule, new programs to include exercise, health workshops, craft classes, etc. are available this year. Call for a schedule. This year's Directory includes numerous discounts from local businesses honoring the membership card.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Homemade Breakfast the last Friday of each month @ 8:30 a.m. \$3.50 Call for reservation.